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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: IS, SHUM
SUBJECT: TREATMENT OF ARAB PRISONERS IN ISRAELI JAILS

1. ISRAELI PRESS THIS WEEK CARRIED A REUTERS REPORT OF GENERALLY FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF PALESTINIAN PRISONERS IN GAZA JAILS WHICH LOCAL NEWPAPERS HAVE PLAYED AS PROOF OF THE FLASENESS OF THE WIDELY-PUBLICIZED SUNDAY TIMES REPORT ON ALLEGED ISRAELI TORTURE PRACTICES. A BRITISH EMBASSY OFFICER HAS TOLD US THA THE REUTERS STORY, AS WELL AS FILMED REPORTS BY "VIZNEWS" (OVERSEAS ARM OF BBC) AND ITN (INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NEWS), WERE ORIGINALLY APPROVED BY IDF AUTHORITIES WHO BELIEVED THEY WERE TO BE REPORTS ON ARAB EDUCATION IN ISRAELI JAILS. IT THEN BECAME KNOWN THAT THE REPORTING COVERED TREATMENT OF PRISONERS AND A COLONEL AND
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A MAJOR HAVE BEEN PREMATURELY RETIRED DUE TO THEIR "MISUNDERSTANDING," THE REUTERS STORY AND THE T.F. REPORTS WERE FIRST TOTALLY SQUELCHED, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY A DECISION WAS MADE BY DEFENSE MINISTER WEIZMAN HIM-SELF TO RELEASE CENSORED VERSIONS.THEN, THE "VIZNEWS" FILMSTRIP, FOR UNEXPLAINED REASONS, FAILED TO BE UNLOADED FROM AN EL AL PLANE AFTER ITS ARRIVAL

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IN LONDON, ALTHOUGH THE BBC'S SHIPPING AGENCY UNDER-STOOD THAT IT WAS ABROAD. (THE REUTERS STORY AND THE ITN FILMSTRIP DID, IN THE COURSE OF EVENTS, APPEAR.)

2. THE BRITISH EMBASSY HERE HAS TAKEN A LOW PROFILE ON THE SUNDAY TIMES STORY,AND HAS NOT DISCUSSED IT WITH THE MFA. THE BRITISH UNDERSTAND FROM RED CROSS SOURCES THAT THE TIMES STORY IS "ONE HUNDRED PERCENT CORRECT," MFA DENIAL NOTWITHSTANDING.

3. COMMENT: BRITISH EMBOFF LEFT THE CLEAR IMPRESSION THAT HE BELIEVED THE GOI IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN AN OPERATION TO LIMIT DAMAGE OF PRESS STORIES ON ISRAELI PRISON PRACTICES.
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